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A011 Siskiyou Mountains Salamander *Plethodon stormi*  
Family: Plethodontidae Order: Caudata Class: Amphibia

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#### DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE, AND SEASONALITY

The Siskiyou Mountains salamander is rare in Jackson Co., Oregon and adjacent Siskiyou Co., California. It is most often found in mixed conifer habitat of dense trees of pole-to-mature size.

#### SPECIFIC HABITAT REQUIREMENTS

Feeding: Probably feeds on small insects and other invertebrates, foraging on damp soil at ground surface and under surface objects.

Cover: Found under loose rock rubble at the base of talus slopes or under surface objects (Brodie 1971).

Reproduction: Unknown. Probably uses rock rubble of talus slopes.

Water: Free water not required.

Pattern: Found primarily in loose rock rubble at base of talus slopes. Most specimens have been collected from north-facing slopes or in heavily shaded areas. It lives in the most xeric region of any western *Plethodon*, and is active above ground only during spring and fall rains (Brodie 1971).

#### SPECIES LIFE HISTORY

Activity Patterns: Unknown. Probably nocturnal.

Seasonal Movements/Migration: No data.

Home Range: No data.

Territory: No data.

Reproduction: Breeding season unknown, probably spring. Clutch size unknown, probably about 10 eggs.

Niche: Probably eaten by small snakes.

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